

REMARKS**Status of the application**

Claims 1, 2, 9, 11-17, 19, 20, 22, 28-36, 38, 39, 41, 47, 49-55, 57-60, 66, 68-74 and 76 were pending in the application. Among the pending claims, claims 1, 2, 9, 15, 19, 20, 22, 28, 38, 39, 41, 47, 53 and 57 have been allowed. In addition, claims 11-14, 30-33, 49-52 and 68-71 were withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as directed to non-elected inventions, and claims 16, 17, 29, 34-36, 54, 55, 58-60, 66, 72-74 and 76 remain rejected in the instant Office Action .

With entry of the instant response, claims 11-14, 16, 17, 29-36, 49-52, 54, 55, 58-60, 66, 68-74 and 76 have been canceled without prejudice. As such, all claims remain pending in the application upon entry of the instant response have already been allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the claim amendments presented herein, the subject patent application is in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would expedite allowance of this application, please telephone the undersigned attorney at 858-784-2937.

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0962 in the event that there are any additional charges associated with the present Petition or any Response in connection with this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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